

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. *(Currently Amended)* A method for trimming a salvage of a piping material, the method comprising:
covering one side of a piping material with a piping trimming tool; by positioning a first portion of the piping material in a holding device;
cutting a second portion of the piping material next to a cutting guide surface parallel to the holding device; and
removing a salvage material.
2. *(Currently Amended)* The method of claim 1 wherein the step of positioning ~~a portion of piping material in a holding device~~ includes placing a section of piping material containing a fabric and a cording material in the a holding device.
3. *(Currently Amended)* The method of claim 2 wherein the step of placing ~~a section of piping material containing a fabric and a cording material in a holding device~~ further includes placing the fabric and cording material in a rectangular channel.
4. *(Currently Amended)* The method of claim 1 wherein the ~~step of covering a piping material with a piping trimming tool~~ includes covering a predetermined seam allowance portion with the piping trimming tool.
5. *(Currently Amended)* The method of claim 1 wherein the step of cutting ~~the piping material next to a cutting guide surface~~ includes placing pressure on the piping trimming tool.
6. *(Currently Amended)* The method of claim 1 wherein the step of cutting ~~the piping material next to a cutting guide surface~~ includes running a rotary cutting blade along the cutting guide surface.
7. *(Currently Amended)* The method of claim 1 ~~wherein the step of removing a salvage material~~ includes leaving a seam allowance of a predetermined width on the piping material.
8. *(Original)* An apparatus for trimming a salvage of a piping material, the apparatus comprising:
a transparent body;
a cording channel;
a cutting guide surface; and
a cutting tool.
9. *(Original)* The apparatus of claim 8 wherein the transparent body is composed of a transparent acrylic, plastic or glass.

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10. (Original) The apparatus of claim 9 wherein the transparent acrylic, plastic or glass is a three-dimensional rectangular body having a top surface, a long side surface and a bottom surface.

11. (Original) The apparatus of claim 10 wherein the cording channel is a rectangular cut-out, with an opening on the bottom surface of the transparent body.

12. (Original) The apparatus of claim 10 wherein the cutting guide surface is the long side surface.

13. (Original) The apparatus of claim 8 wherein the cording channel is parallel to the cutting guide surface.

14. (Original) The apparatus of claim 8 wherein the piping material includes a cording material encased in a fabric and the salvage.

15. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14 wherein the fabric is a cloth, leather, vinyl, or flexible plastic.

16. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14 wherein the fabric contains a seam allowance portion.

17. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14 wherein the cording material is a flexible rope, plastic tubing, metal tubing or paper tubing having a diameter measuring less than the width of the cording channel.

18. (Original) The apparatus of claim 17 wherein the cording material encased in a fabric is positioned in the cording channel.

19. (Original) The apparatus of claim 8 wherein the trimming tool is a rotary cutting blade.

20. (Original) The apparatus of claim 19 where in the rotary cutting blade cuts the salvage.